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DALINC Conference in Eastern Iowa

The Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium—**DALINC** for short—is holding its second annual continuing education event on **April 3** at **Loras College in Dubuque, IA**. This year's theme is ***Telling Stories with Data: Making Numbers Meaningful***; this one-day conference runs from 9:30AM-3:30PM.

The opening keynote speaker is Linda Hofschire, Director of Colorado State Library's Research Service. Her keynote presentation is titled ***Data-Powered Libraries: Informed, Innovative, and Impactful***. From the **DALINC** website comes this description: *"Do you want to increase your library's value and relevance to your community? The key is in the data. As librarians, we collect a lot of data—visits, circulation, reference transactions, user satisfaction and more. But is your data gathering dust in spreadsheets or being used simply to fulfill reporting requirements? In this presentation, learn about the power of moving from having data to using data. All to make informed decisions, provide innovative services, and demonstrate the library's impact on your users and community..."*

Over lunch, Stephen Hearn, Metadata Strategist at The University of Minnesota, will provide a second keynote presentation titled ***Finding a Role for Libraries in the Web Environment***. From the **DALINC** website: *“The cataloging community is facing many changes to its standards and practices. A major goal of the changes is to open catalog data up to the web and to expand the use of web-based data in library catalogs. What could this mean? What are the implications of this shift for the current shared cataloging model? Greater integration between library metadata and the web promises new opportunities to provide rich contexts for the resources and services libraries have to offer, but getting there will not be simple...”*

Registration begins at 9:30AM with coffee and pastries; the opening keynote begins at 10:00AM, followed by a sandwich and salad luncheon. The remainder of the day offers six breakout sessions as well as a roundtable to talk about successfully using data. Breakout sessions topics are expected to include:

- Using Census Data
- Using Data For Collection Decisions and Space Needs
- Data-Driven Decision-Making in Cities
- Using Data to Improve Your Website
- Navigating Privacy Data and Community Engagement

The full day’s schedule will be posted to the [DALINC](#) website soon, so check back there for all details. Registration, though, is ready to go! **Note registration deadline is March 25th**. The cost for the full day, including morning refreshments and lunch, is **\$55.00**. The **DALINC Conference** is open to college, public, and school library staff. Thanks to Southeast District Consultant Becky Heil for extending this invitation!

[Register for DALINC 2020](#)



Renew Participation in BRIDGES

By March 31st, all current **BRIDGES** libraries need to renew their participation in this statewide eBook / audiobook consortium. Current **BRIDGES** members must complete and return a **“Letter of Agreement”** in order to renew their subscription. These are the steps:

- Find the **BRIDGES** Letter of Agreement at the State Library's website--click below
- From the left-hand menu, choose **MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS**
- Choose **LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR CURRENT MEMBERS FY2021**
- Complete the form and return it to the address at the bottom of the form. Note deadline for receipt of the **AGREEMENT** is **March 31, 2020**
- **BRIDGES** member libraries will receive the invoice for their annual subscription in July. Please do not send any payment before you have the invoice in hand and then follow instructions for issuing and mailing your checks.

This is also the time of year for libraries that have not yet joined the **BRIDGES** group to do so. From the same webpage, non-participating libraries must follow the instructions from the tab **FOR NEW LIBRARIES** and choose **LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARIES JOINING BRIDGES FY2021**. New libraries will also find the annual subscription cost. Note that libraries joining **BRIDGES** for the first time will be assessed a \$400.00 one-time set-up fee in the first year, in addition to the annual subscription. In subsequent years, the cost goes down to the annual fee.

[Find All BRIDGES Info Here](#)

Kids First Conference This Spring

April 6-7 in Ames

With spring right around the corner (hopefully!) so too is the **Kids First Conference**, coming up **April 6-7** at the **Gateway Hotel & Conference Center in Ames**. **Kids First** is a two-day



conference all about youth services—for youth services staff. Expect award-winning keynote speakers, breakout sessions from practicing librarians, and a chance to network with other youth services specialists from all across Iowa. All while earning continuing education credit.

Keynote Speakers:

Award-Winning Author and Illustrator Don Tate: He grew up in Des Moines and today is an award-winning illustrator of numerous critically acclaimed children's books for children including No Small Potatoes: Junios G. Groves and His Kingdom in Kansas; Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions; Hope's Gift, and many others.

Award-winning writer Isabel Quintero: She is an award-winning writer and the daughter of Mexican immigrants. Her first YA novel—Gabi, a Girl in Pieces—

received multiple awards including a California Book Award Gold Medal and the Morris Award for Debut YA Novel.

Award-winning Writer and Educator Dr. Dawn Quigley: She is a citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe in North Dakota and an assistant professor in the Education Department at St. Catherine University. She taught English and reading for 18 years in K-12 schools, along with being an Indian Education program co-director.

Registration Information:

- Attendees can opt to attend the full two-day conference for \$125.00 (\$95.00 for presenters) Breakfast and lunch is provided both days. **OR** opt to attend the first day on Monday April 6th or the second day on Tuesday April 7th. The cost for one-day attendance is \$75.00 (\$65.00 for speakers)
- Registration is open in the C.E. Catalog. But please note: payment is due prior to the conference. Until payment is received, your registration status will indicate "PENDING APPROVAL." Mail your registration fee to:

**State Library of Iowa
Attention Samantha Berch
1112 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50319**

- The last day to register is March 27; cancel by March 20 to receive a full refund. Find all details in the C.E. Catalog; contact Angie Manfredi with questions angie.manfredi@iowa.gov

[Register for Kids First Conference !](#)

This Week:



Feb 26 == Deadline for E-Rate Form 470

Wednesday 26 is the last day to file E-Rate Form 470 to have enough time for the 28-day bidding period. E-Rate is a federal program that discounts the cost of Internet service for public and school libraries nationwide. Click button for more information on Form 470 and the E-Rate program

[E-Rate Program Info](#)

[Feb 27 == Pop YS Live \(1:00-2:00PM\)](#)

Join youth services staff statewide once a month for a POP of continuing education—February's installment is this Thursday February 27. Led by Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi, some months will be dedicated entirely to collection development, some months will look at programming, and some months hear directly from other librarians in Iowa about what they're up to. No matter what, attendees will leave each session with new ideas for best practices and keeping youth services fresh. Registration still open:

[Register for Thursday's Pop YS Live](#)

Feb 28 == Nebraska's Big Talk From Small Libraries Conference

The Nebraska State Library hold their annual online conference this **Friday February 28 (8:45AM—5:00PM)** Nebraska's online conference is called "**Big Talk From Small Libraries**" From their website: This online event is entirely free and open to attendance from across the country. A handful of breakout sessions show here, find lots more on the **Big Talk From Small Libraries** site

- Best Small Library in America Award Winner 2019—Bisbee, Arizona
- Fitness, Food, and Fun with Seniors
- Wizards, Jedi, Gamers—Oh My! Library Con on a Limited Budget
- We Need Each Other: Partnering with Local Organizations to Benefit Youth

Big Talk From Small Libraries is broadcast online using the GoToWebinar software. GoToWebinar works on Windows, Mac, Google Chrome OS, Linux, iOS and Android devices. Login instructions will be emailed to registered attendees the day before the conference. Like Iowa's **ILOC** event, Nebraska does plan on recording all **Big Talk** sessions, with recordings posted to their conference website. You do not need to register for the conference to access the recordings.

[Register for Nebraska's Big Talk From Small Libraries](#)

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